

MINUTES
Trempealeau County Extension Education and Communication Committee

Mike Nelson, Chair

1. Meeting called to order by Mike Nelson at 6:06 p.m. in the Trempealeau County Government Center in the Tremple Room on February 21, 2013.

2. Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Committee members present:

X Jay Low
X Sally Miller (arrived 6:15)
X Arild Engeliem
X Olin Fimreite
X Michael Nelson

Others present:

X Steve Okonek
X Pat Malone
X Marilyn Whalen
X John Kelly

3. MOTION: Adopt agenda as printed
(Engliem/Fimreite : PASSED).

4. MOTION: Adopt minutes of the January 24, 2013, meeting as (printed)
(Fimreite/Engliem : PASSED).

5. MOTION: Approve agents' out-of-county travel requests
(Fimreite/Low : PASSED).

6. **Report from 4H Executive Board :**

Marilyn presented the Board report: just completed Performing Arts Festival. We had 90+ entries. Did a rain drop educational program at Whitehall Library. Loran and Marilyn are working with Arcadia School District on an after school program. Trained leaders will do a volunteer program in March. The Exec Board will be meeting Monday.

7. **Extension Programming Updates:**

Steve shared his work he's been working with a farm family on their generational transfer plan. Plan includes up production and lower somatic cell counts. 45 citizen contacts and 60 people participated in Pesticide Applicator Training. He's been looking for a new sponsor for the newsletter. Several banks will be partnering to sponsor it.

Pat shared her report, a few home wells have high nitrate levels on the "prairie" in town of Trempealeau/Town of Caledonia. Working with Environmental Land Use office and DATAP to identify the source, if possible, fertilizer is likely source. Health impact is varied, "blue baby syndrome" people with certain medical conditions. Also effects livestock. Pat took more Risk Communications Training. Pat's also working on Town of Unity comprehensive plan.

8. **Update on Family Living Position:**

The position will be posted February 22nd. Marilyn and Steve said they are getting calls for the Parenting Classes. Mike said Pat Bell from Human Services has been asking about when it will be filled. Screening will start March 29th, interviews with final candidates and committee members will be May 1st from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

9. **WACE Update:**

Pat asked those interested in attending should get completed registration/application to Pat by March 15th so registration can be entered. There will be an auction.

10. **Budget Information:**

Final 2012 budget was presented. Pat said some money will be returned.

11. **Current Programs:**

